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First-year students take part in Playfair, one of the events held during Niagara College's "Joust for Fun" orientation. For story and additional photos, please see page 3.

Photo by Greg Furminger

'93 enrolment hits record high

By CHARLIE KOSCAK
Staff Writer

More and more students are attending Niagara College.

As of yesterday, the college had 4,825 full-time students, a new record for Niagara.

Early summer confusion about the Ontario government's social contract did not prevent students from attending college this fall.

First-year students applying to Ontario colleges were sent letters from the college administrations stating the students are accepted into programs but financial problems may force the college to later reject the applicants.

Presidents of Ontario colleges voted to warn the students because at the time they didn't know the impact the social contract would have on the colleges, says Niagara College registrar Ivar Noren.

The letters, sent with President John Saso's signature, were written in a way to suggest that the chances of refusal were slim, says Noren.

Niagara College lost $1.2 million because of the social contract, says Gary LaRose, the college's director of financial services.

Ontario's 23 colleges faced a potential loss of $52 million, stated a Canadian Press news report in May.

Instead of turning students away, Niagara has found another way to deal with the financial crunch by freezing salaries and having unpaid days off.

Noren says several concerned students called the college after receiving the letters, but there was "not excessive amounts" of phone calls.

Niagara College has 4,825 full-time students this year, compared to 4,718 students at the same time last year, says Noren.

Although there was an increase of students, three programs have been suspended because of lack of registration, including College Vocational, Business Sales, and Fashion Merchanding/Visual Promotions.

Luncheon honors Saso

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

Despite provincial cutbacks and a weak economy, Niagara College continues to grow, says college president John Saso.

"We at the college have not entrenched, but continue to grow," he told those attending a luncheon in his honor last week.

Despite the recession and Niagara Region's bleak unemployment status, Saso is clearly optimistic about the college's future.

"The learner must be committed to having a positive outlook and accept that change is good if used to create opportunities," he said.

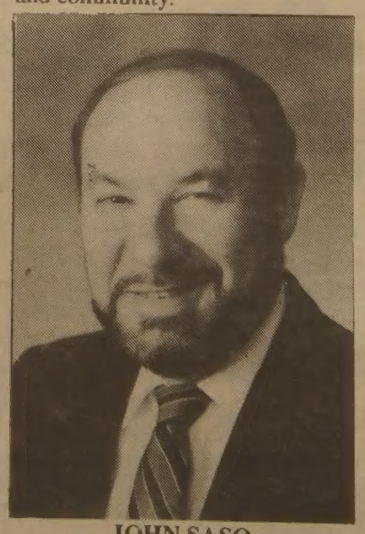
Saso was the guest of honor at the annual Grape and Wine Festival's celebrity luncheon last Friday.

Two hundred fifty people attended the luncheon in honor of Saso at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines, including St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffery, Niagara Region Chairman Brian Merrett, as well as a host of local wine industry representatives.

The annual celebrity luncheon honors leading Canadians who, by their personal efforts have had a significant and positive influence on society.

Grape and Wine Festival organizer Barry Katzman called the event a time to "draw attention to people who richly deserve it."

Saso was honored for his extensive contributions to Niagara College as well as area business and community.



JOHN SASO

In the three years since Saso has been at Niagara College, enrolment has grown to nearly 35,000 full and part-time students, including 2,500 adult learners, all up from previous years.

"Since John came here we have seen Niagara College established as one of the greatest assets for this region," said luncheon organizer Brian Leyden.

In Saso's speech, he outlined the reasons for the college's recent growth, citing "a staff dedicated to providing learning." He also said the college is "in the teaching business."

He stressed the need to attract "new and vibrant" companies to this area, and the growing recognition of the collegefor the region and the future of the economy.

Although the province's college and universities are facing funding drops to minus eight per cent, Saso said he is "determined to help students cope with change and profit from it."

"The learner must be committed to having a positive outlook and accept that change is good if used to create opportunities," he said.

Saso ended his speech with "hope for a brighter future, that is what the learning process is all about."

Former celebrity recipients have included Brock University President Dr. Terry White; a former prime minister, and current Deputy Prime Minister Jean Charest.

Niagara reduces accumulated deficit

By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

Niagara College's deficit is dropping.

It now stands at $2.17 million, down from $2.38 million last September.

A revenue surplus for 1993 allows Niagara College to reduce its accumulated deficit by $226,000.

While expenditure rose from 1992, by $3.3 million, revenue increased by $4.5 million. This enabled the college to turn a $1 million shortfall in 1992 to a $226,000 surplus in 1993.

Salary increases for instructional officers and staff, full and part time teachers, and support staff accounted for the largest increase in expenditure: $1.8 million. An increase in grants and reimbursements of $2.3 million and in student tuition of $1.6 million accounted for the largest increases in revenue.

Gary Larose, director of financial services, said increased enrolment and tuition fees led to the $1.6-million increase in revenue generated by student tuition.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said it took a tremendous amount of work to achieve a surplus.

"Our original goal was to end the year with a $300,000 surplus. But increases in salaries and the Ontario government's cutbacks left us with $1 million to cut," he said. "The whole college worked very hard cutting cost, becoming more productive, and efficient, and increasing revenues."

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STUDY OVERLOAD?

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Students break ice at Titanic orientation

Playfair representative Jerry Ewen was a big success at this year's orientation.

Photo by Greg Furminger

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

Fun and Playfair were synonymous during Niagara College's opening day ice-breaker at orientation.

To the delight of the orientation committee, along with about 1,400 students who attended, the new approach paid off.

Committee chairperson Judy Halaiko said that she "had a lot of positive feedback" from the students as well as the froshkeepers.

Jerry Ewen, Playfair representative from Vancouver, has been with the company for the past 17 years. He said audience participation is "designed to create community spirit and empower people with a sense of what they can accomplish here at college."

Ewen and his assistant, Krysta Kavanaugh, guided the froshkeepers and their groups through a series of ice-breakers from sitting in a circle on each other's laps, to learning sign language, to role playing.

In this "Year of the Handicapped," Kavanaugh and Ewen led the group in a sing-song with a different tune. The lyrics to the song Love in any Language were done in sign language.

Role playing found everybody splitting into groups of three and then deciding who would play Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr. or Mother Teresa. Each character was given the opportunity to send the other two out on "missions" with fun in mind.

Bands played both days. Forever Young, a Rod Stewart cover band, played the first day, while Scarecrow, a John Mellencamp cover band, played the second day.

Heidi Rathwell, 20, a second-year interior design student and froshkeeper, said that "Playfair was excellent. There was a lot of people."

Students can "start building community friendships that can go on from here," said Ewen, who praised the close-knit atmosphere at Niagara.

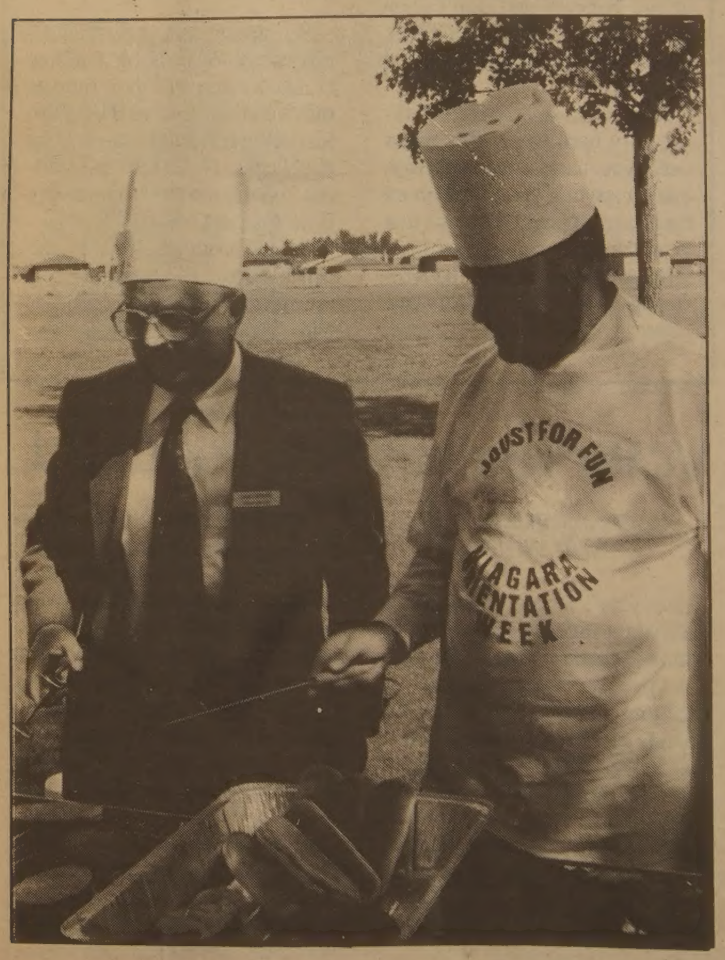
This year's attendance was about three times higher than last year's 500 participants, partially due to orientation being held after the long weekend, said H laiko.

"We'll adopt them again next year," she said.

Frolicking FROD from Forever Young

"Forever Young," a Rod Stewart cover band, is seen here entertaining this year's orientation crowd. "FROD," the lead singer, dances around on picnic tables in front of the stage.

Photo by Chris Russo



President of Burger King?

Zarko Petkovic (left), faculty member of the Access and General Education Division, and Niagara College President John Saso flip burgers for hundreds of hungry first-year students.

Photo by Greg Furminger

SAC spirited says Sorensen

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The success of orientation "set the pace" for this year's "great" new Student Administrative Council, said SAC president Kristen Sorensen.

Orientation went "smoothly" and the momentum built from that plus "really enthusiastic people" on the SAC staff add up to a student council with "spirit," she said.

This spirit led Niagara College to join the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA) for the first time in about 10 years.

The association is a provincial lobby group for Ontario community colleges' student councils. It has a seat in parliament and its members meet regularly with the provincial Minister of Education and Training.

"OCCSPA lobbies against any unreasonable tuition increases," said Sorensen. "You can get a lot of things done for your school if you go through OCCSPA."

At the Sept. 13 SAC meeting, student council discussed the $943 (20 cents per student) fee to join and decided to call other member colleges that were already members to see if it was worth pursuing.

Other colleges had an "overwhelming enthusiasm towards OCCSPA," said Sorensen. "We talked to eight or nine colleges and they all had positive things to say." Jeremy Lowe, vice-president internal, is SAC's representative on OCCSPA.

The student council meeting also dealt with the issue of a college excursion to see a Buffalo Bills' football game on Nov. 1.

Last year's student council purchased 40 tickets to a Bills' game and sold 15. SAC was going to scrap plans to go to a game this year because of last year's financial loss until Sorensen said, "Wait a second. Let's go for it."

"We have had so many people asking about Bills' tickets. If we get half that many people going we will fill the bus to the game," said Sorensen in a later interview.

Other upcoming SAC events include an all ages Yuk Yuk's show on Oct. 3, at Maple Leaf Village in Niagara Falls and a Halloween pub night at After Hours on Oct. 26. Tickets for Yuk Yuk's are $4 with $1.50 donated to cystic fibrosis Shinerama fundraising.

EDITORIAL PAGE

Students clean up your act

Niagara College is a dump.

I'm sure any visitor to the college would agree.

The first thing I see when I step out of my car at the Welland campus in the morning is a parking lot full of empty cigarette packages. As I walk across the campus, I am sure I will pass at least half a dozen used coffee cups and twice as many empty pop cans. I can tell the direction of the wind by watching fliers and candy wrappers scurry along the grass. Once I eventually reach the entrance I am greeted by a sea of butts tossed on the ground.

I make my way to my classroom and find the floor dotted with cellophane that came from people's breakfast muffins.

It's hard to comprehend how so many students made it to college but cannot read the sign posted in every class: No food or beverages. It should also be noted that the recycling containers are not to be used for the disposing of food refuse.

Later in the day, I stop for a drink in After Hours, but if I want a table I must clear the garbage from where a considerate student previously sat.

I find it appalling, that during a time of great environmental concern, that we have such little respect for our campus.

A few portables located at the Virgil dump may be the best solution for a new college site. It would be less costly and would have similar elements of appearance as the Welland campus.

It's unfortunate that so many of us can't be bothered to take a few extra seconds to walk to a garbage can in order to keep our environment green. We are setting a poor example for our children.

Gregory T. Furminger

Voting is a privilege, use it!

On Oct. 25 there will be an important event taking place across the country. A federal election.

Although the extent of many political conversations consists mainly of who is the worst party or who is the the biggest money waster, there is a lot more to politics than the negativity so widely discussed.

From party policies to party candidates, each of us has an obligation to this country to express our feelings towards who and how we want our country run.

Instead of sitting around complaining about astronomical tax hikes, climbing unemployment rates, or a skyrocketing deficit, get off your butt and cast your ballot.

Some of you may feel that your vote won't count. If you don't vote, someone else will, and they might not be voting for the party you favor. Besides, if you don't vote, you really have no right to complain.

Here's a simple piece of advice: follow the different candidates, familiarize yourself with the different parties' policies, make your decision and make a difference. Remember that you won't be able to change your mind for another four years!

Chris Russo

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Praise for Niagara News

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the first-year Journalism-Print program students for their "first" edition. It is very good.

Being a onetime journalism student, I am pleased to see that the Niagara News continues to be successful, informing students and teachers of what is transpiring at each campus and outside in the community.

Even though your students instantaneously took over the Niagara News with little experience, the coverage on all college events is very comprehensive and the articles are well written.

You have quite a team working there and I am sure next year will be even more conquering. I will continue to look forward to receiving my copy of the newspaper on Tuesday mornings.

It's about time Niagara College's journalism students get the credit they truly deserve.

Yours sincerely,
Tara Grigg

Newspaper needs readers

By AIMEE PHILIPPE
Staff Writer

Many students don't realize the work that goes into creating the Niagara News. Unfortunately there are many people who attend Niagara and don't even know there's a paper, and if they do, they haven't a clue as to what it's called.

Journalism students are working very hard to put this paper out to you, the students, so please inform anyone you know about the Niagara News. Tell them that it only takes a minute of their time and that they will be very surprised with this informative paper.

As you can tell, our masthead is a new design. It was created by Elie BenDavid, 27, a second-year Journalism-Print program student from St.Catharines.

A lot of hard work and determination is needed to put this paper together. Interviews must be held and deadlines must be met to create a good paper. Photographs are taken and developed and ready to be pasted on the dummy pages.

It certainly is **not** a piece of cake.

So please, tell your friends, teachers and drinking buddies to take a minute of their time as they head for class or if they are just sitting around, to pick up the Niagara News because without you the readers, there really is no Niagara News.

We welcome Letters to the Editors about the newspaper or the stories we write — good or bad.

Voter registration required

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

This year's federal elections will have some slight differences in the voting procedure than in the past.

A press release issued by Elections Canada said in most of Canada there will be no enumeration, as the voters list from the federal referendum of Oct. 26, 1992 will be used. If you have moved since the referendum or were not enumerated at that time, you must arrange to have your name added to the voters list for your electoral district.

Once your name is on the voters list, you will be mailed a Federal Voters List Revision Card. This card will also tell you when and where to vote on Oct. 25. Additions and changes to the voters list can be made up to 6 p.m. on the Wednesday before Election Day.

There are three ways to vote this year: in person, at an advance poll, and by special ballot. To vote at an advance poll, read the back of your card for details. The special ballot is for people who cannot vote in their electoral district because they are travelling or away on business or at school. You can obtain an application for a special ballot at any Elections Canada office or from any post office.

Voters must remember to provide the following proof of identitiy in order to cast a ballot: one piece of identification containing your name, address and signature or two pieces, one containing your name and signature and the other your name and address.

For more information on the 1993 federal elections, call 1-800-267-VOTE(8683). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call the TDD/TTY line at 1-800-361-8935.

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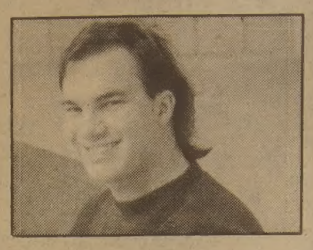
PERSPECTIVES

Autumn not an end, but a new beginning



By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

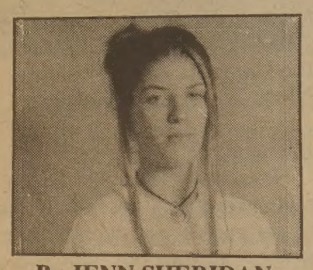
Now that school has started and Old Man Winter's presence can be felt, I find myself looking back over the past four months.

It doesn't seem long ago that spring was in the air and the thought of the coming summer brought joy to the hearts of the masses. As I write this, the sky is beginning to darken into what is sure to be one of many cold, rainy autumn days. Soon Mother Nature will begin to cover her world in preparation for the coming snow. Before our very eyes a beautifully colored blanket of leaves will cover the ground, signalling the end of summer.

But fear not, because the falling leaves do not mean that the world is dying. They merely tell us that Mother Nature is going to sleep for a couple of months. In the mean time, instead of retreating to the comfort of your home, go out and enjoy the falling leaves and the flocks of birds going south. These next few weeks will be your last chance to view nature's beauty before it is hidden beneath a cold blanket of snow.

So fear not autumn, because it does not signify the death of the world; it signa' . the regeneration of the earth and the birth of a new season - winter.

Uncool cheaters screwing more than OSAP



By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Sometimes people are not cool and I think anyone who is trapped within the "system" will agree. It's about time someone does something about dishonest Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) recipients.

While talking to a friend who was in the dreaded financial aid lineup, I couldn't help but overhear an incredible conversation. Someone was bragging about "screwing" OSAP in return for some luxury items.

Man, they've got it all wrong. It's not the stably employed people who are loaning OSAP that are getting "screwed." The tightening grip of government funding is affecting the people who wake up in the morning and have to worry about paying for shelter, food, transportation, clothing, tuition and books. Basic necessities are luxury items to those who live in poverty.

No thanks to dishonest OSAP recipients, grants have been replaced with loans.

No thanks to dishonest OSAP recipients, grants have been replaced with loans. This has only added an extra financial burden for those in need of maximum loans.

Not only have these skulkers contributed to Canada's sagging economy but they have damaged themselves. Those who sit in the back seat and never put the pedal to the metal are denying themselves the fruit of life; the struggle.

Sometimes people are not cool but that's okay. I'll deal with it now and I'll see you down the road.

High tuition makes universities institutions for elite

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Universities intend to segregate the rich from the poor in a plan to become institutions for the elite. The consequences are inevitable and the division is only a matter of time.

On Aug. 23 the undermining plot was revealed. Ontario universities want to hike tuition fees for undergraduate students almost 50 per cent by 1995.

This drastic increase, recommended by the Council of Ontario Universities, is intended to offset two decades of underfunding. Universities are suddenly anxious to recover their losses, incurred over two decades of being underfunded by more than $700 million a year. Higher tuition fees will bring in an additional $300 million a year.

If this proposal is approved a student in Ontario could pay up to $3,030 to enter an undergraduate program in September 1995 compared to $2,026 in tuition this year for undergraduate studies.

The President of the Council of Ontario Universities, Peter George seems to have all of the solutions, but I have one problem: Where are students going to get the money to pay for these expenses such as books, accomodations, food and transportation, most students barely manage to make ends meet and need to work at a part-time job during the school year.

I have one problem: Where are students going to get the money to pay for those increases.

This is based on the assumption students are fortunate enough to find summer employment. Jobs are scarce nowadays and students are competing with skilled adults for jobs which pay minimum wage.

I was able to find a summer job this year, but could still barely afford to pay my tuition fees as a part-time university and full-time college student.

Next year I plan to attend university full-time. If this proposal is accepted I will be paying more for my university tuition alone than I did for both college and university. Something is definitely wrong with this picture.

"Tuition fees should reflect the private economic gains which many graduates receive as a result of their university educations," concludes the Council's report.

The implications behind this statement amaze me. In other words, the Council is saying students will be earning comfortable salaries after graduating with their degrees and tuition should be geared towards their future earning potential.

If university was a 'don't pay a cent until you graduate event' and everyone was guaranteed a job coming out of university I would totally condone this statement.

George is justified in his claim that a university education is an investment, but what about the countless hours invested year after year reading, studying, working on assignments and writing essays and exams? Whatever students fail to produce in cash they make up for in labor.

The Council has neglected to see this entire situation from a student's perspective.

The Council has neglected to see this entire situation from a student's perspective. The report also suggests an increase in tuition fees for graduate programs to 1.5 times that of undergraduate programs which would mean an increase of $4,545 a year from $3,051. And for all of those aspiring young doctors and dentists, fees are set at twice that of undergraduate programs. This means students would pay as much as $6,061 a year, up from $2,576 this year.

These figures are ridiculous, not to mention virtually impossible for the average student to afford. The proposal suggests creating a student-loan program that provides more money to students. This idea sparks the questions — who is going to provide this extra money and if it is available why not use it towards lost revenue?

This report was submitted at a time when Education Minister Dave Cooke is reviewing the amount Ontario students pay to attend university. The review could mean a change in fees, beginning in the 1994/95 school year.

Colleges, get ready for the swarms of students which will be heading towards the more affordable alternative. At least with a college education students have a better chance of finding a job.

George claims that there is no evidence that the requested fee hikes would result in limited access to universities for people with low income. I say: "George, get a grip on reality!"

Students have only four months out of the year to work full time and earn enough money to pay for their education. When taking into consideration other

Students shine through for Cystic Fibrosis

Shiners hose down for Cystic Fibrosis.

Photo by Chris Russo

Cindy Blanchard gets a shine from the Niagara College Knight.

Photo by Greg Furminger

Soap suds conjure up smiles during CF car wash.

Photo by Greg Furminger

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

They were Niagara College Knights in shining armor.

Niagara College students raised $1,300 for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Shinerama on Sept. 10 and 11.

Students shined shoes and washed cars in a countrywide post-secondary student effort to raise $665,000 for CF research and treatment.

Niagara students could be found polishing shoes at the Welland campus and Seaway Mall, and hosing down cars at Canadian Tire on Niagara Street in Welland. The HTZ-FM Community Cruiser was on hand at the car wash to provide tunes, while messages of Niagara's efforts travelled the airwaves.

In addition to money raised during Shinerama, CIBC Visa, the event sponsor, will donate $10 for every approved Classic Visa application obtained from participating campuses during September and October.

"Our target is to reach 7,000 approved applications," Paul Vessey, senior vice-president, card products and self-service banking, CIBC, said in a press release. "In addition, CIBC will be donating $40,000 to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in order to offset campaign expenses."

"The people who came out worked really hard for the sum of money raised," said Leanne Newton, Student Administrative Council vice-president external. "It's the best turnout we've had for orientation."

Newton said she had hoped to raise more money but said "it's hard to get people who aren't on residences" to turn out, which is an advantage to larger colleges and universities.

Money was also raised through a draw of four Toronto Blue Jays tickets this week which were sold in the student centre.

Started in 1964, Shinerama attracts more than 20,000 students from 60 colleges and universities across Canada each year.

'The people who came out worked really hard for the sum of money raised'

Cystic Fibrosis, a fatal genetic disorder that affects the lungs and digestive system, claims the lives of more Canadian children and young adults than any other inherited disease.

OSAP trades funds for prompt repayment

By ELIE BENDAVID
Staff Writer

There is good and bad news for Ontario Student Assistance Program recipients.

The good news is that banks won't charge a three per cent service charge to get your money. The bad news — you have to pay it all back.

Canada Student Loans has cancelled the six-month grace period on interest upon graduation. Students must begin paying interest the month after graduation.

"The six-month interest free period will usually be more (costly) than the three per cent fee," says Richard Jackson, manager of policy and communications of OSAP.

About $9.5 million has been doled out to more than 2,300 students at Niagara College this year by the college's financial aid department and the figure is about $800 million in Canada.

As students across Canada registered for school last week, the financial aid department prepared itself for a busy month of distributing money.

"We've had about 2,300 students to date. . . and it's taken almost a month," says Elaine Grandmaison, financial aid officer at Niagara College.

Students are still lining up to collect money.

Although many students rely on government funding to get a post-secondary education, graduating students will leave the college with a higher debt burden than in the past because of the new loan-only system.

Under the old system, the average loan debt was about $3,000 a year so at the end of a four-year program the student would owe about $12,000.

Under the new loan-only system, the average loan debt will be about $5,500 a year, giving the student an average loan burden of about $22,000 after a four-year program.

The average loan recipient will graduate with an average loan debt of about $10,000.

Over 45 per cent of the students at Niagara College depend on some form of finacial assistance; that is well above the national average of 25 per cent.

Most graduating students pay back their student loans within 10 years of graduation but about 13 per cent default.

In the 1991-92 acedemic year the federal government spent $147 million to pay off loans of 33,000 graduates who failed to meet their financial obligations.

The Ontario government, administrators of OSAP who backs additional loans to students with federally guaranteed money, wrote off $12 million in defaulted loans last year.

"The province can't afford to have grant assistance anymore," Grandmaison says. "The deficit is just too high."

The provincial deficit is estimated to be between $11 billion and $14 billion.

Interest relief is available from the government for graduating students who are experiencing difficulty in repaying their student loans and applications can be obtained at most financial institutions.

"The best advice we give to students is please don't ignore it (your OSAP loan), if things are difficult for you, get to the bank and talk to someone," Grandmaison says.

Grandmaison said the key is in educating students on how to budget their money.

"I think we all tend to look at budgeting as trivial. . .we know we should, we think we know how. . . but we don't do it," she said.

Seeking volunteers for food drive

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

The cupboards are bare for many post-secondary students, including those attending Niagara College.

In fact, there's more of an identifiable need this year than last for the Food For Friends Food Drive.

Dave Rapelje, a counsellor in the Counselling Centre of Niagara College, said last year it became evident there was a need for food after students began approaching counsellors, making them aware of their plight.

"It was surprising to us that in this day and age students were going hungry," said Rapelje. "That just shouldn't be happening."

Several circumstances contributed to the need of food for students last year, including the unavailability of Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) in many cases, and difficult financial situations at home. The idea of the Food For Friends Food Drive is not unique to Niagara College. It came about after many colleges and universities across Canada began participating in food drives similar to this one.

Last year's volunteers included students from various business programs, as well as students and faculty from the Law and Security Administration program, and other program faculty members, with 50 to 60 people from the Niagara College community volunteering in all.

"This year, though, we'd like to see students from all areas participate if possible," said Rapelje.

Beginning the week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, boxes will be distributed at all Niagara College campuses, as Christmas seems to be the time of greatest need, with many of the students feeling the financial crunch.

Last year's response was "great" with the volunteers generating enough food to feed 107 students, said Rapelje. "I would consider feeding one person a success."

This year's food drive is different in two ways. First, the counselling centre has decided to canvass local grocery stores and their suppliers, which will in turn produce more food. On Monday, Sept. 29, these goods will be picked up. "There has been a heartfelt reception thus far," said Rapelje.

The second difference in this year's food drive is an Inter-Program Challenge, as an added incentive for students. "SAC has taken a much larger interest in the food drive this year because they now see it as a real need," said Rapelje.

Because of this, SAC has allotted funds to be awarded to the particular program with the largest amount of non-perishable food donations. The award will depend on the program's size and how many donations are made.

"We are putting a call out to all staff and students to participate in this year's Food For Friends Food Drive," said Rapelje.

If you're interested in lending a hand to this effort, please contact Dave Rapelje in the Counselling Centre.

Avoiding a bad roommate

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

It's moving time! Along with the hassle of moving all your things, you receive the added bonus of dealing with a new roommate. With the recent rash of psychopathic roommate flicks (Pacific Heights, Single White Female, Deadbolt) this can prove to be disturbing.

Everybody has heard or experienced a bad roommate story. The guy who didn't bathe, the girl who took off with your clothes and CDs, the guy who forgot to tell you he was on serious medication and you got him drunk and he freaked and beat the crap out of you and two ambulance attendants. The list goes on.

As a seasoned veteran of the roommate game (10 different roommates in three years) I have used my vast knowledge to compile a list of five easy questions that will help weed out potentially dangerous roommates.

#1. WHO IS YOUR IDOL?

Good Answers: Joe DiMaggio, Mother Teresa, You seem pretty cool, Norm

Bad Answers: Hitler, Charles Manson, Pee-Wee Herman

#2. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

Good Answers: Whatever you'd like me to cook, steak, beer

Bad Answers: rocks, quiche, flesh

#3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BAND?

Good Answers: R.E.M., Bob Marley, The Rolling Stones

Bad Answers: Creeping Death, Slayer, Happy Polka Kings

#4. WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

Good Answers: Seinfeld, Kids In the Hall, Letterman

Bad Answers: Full House, TV is the Devil's tool, Front Page Challenge

#5. WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK?

Good Result: Says yes, you have a few beers, and takes you to the bar for a pile of freebies.

Bad Result: Says yes, beer reacts with medication and the apartment gets wrecked.

This list may help you get somewhat of a psychological read on your new roomie, but remember to look for obvious distress signs in their appearance also. Here are some things to watch for:

#1. Carries an axe or large firearm

#2. Tattoos on face

#3. Bills shirt

#4. One white glove, blotchy skin and epulet

#5. Syringe hanging out of neck

If your new roomie displays any of these warning signs it is advised that you move out and contact local authorities.

One last piece of advice that I have learned to adhere to is simply this: Always make sure your roommate is much smaller than yourself, that way if things do get out of hand you can always lay a good beating on them. Good luck.

Jobs available at college

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

Need a job? Come to school.

The Niagara College Marketing and Communications department is offering a few part-time, occasional positions to interested students. These positions pay $6.35 per hour, and are funded by the federal government's Work Study Program.

Students interested in the positions must be receiving OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) funding, registered in any full-time program at Niagara College, and eligible to work a maximum of 12 hours per week. Some duties will be scheduled during the day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other positions may include evening or weekend work.

Students may be expected to perform office duties, research and write media releases, newsletters and brochures, data entry and mailing list management, video production and taping of college events, and conducting tours of the college, assisting with special events, and represent the college at community events such as secondary school career days, local exhibitions and fairs.

To apply, bring a resume and a short letter outlining what duties interest you and why you would be and asset to the Marketing Department. Indicate if you are bilingual, have your own transportation, what hours you are available to work and on what days.

Send or bring your resume to: Niagara College Marketing and Communications, Room 102, Simcoe Building, Welland Campus, P.O. Box 1005, Welland, Ont., L3B 5S2.

M.D. accepts President's Award

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Niagara College has a new award in its collection: The President's Award.

President John Saso presented the first President's Award, a framed certificate and glass artwork, to Dr. Edward (Ted) Henderson during Niagara College's 26th convocation last June.

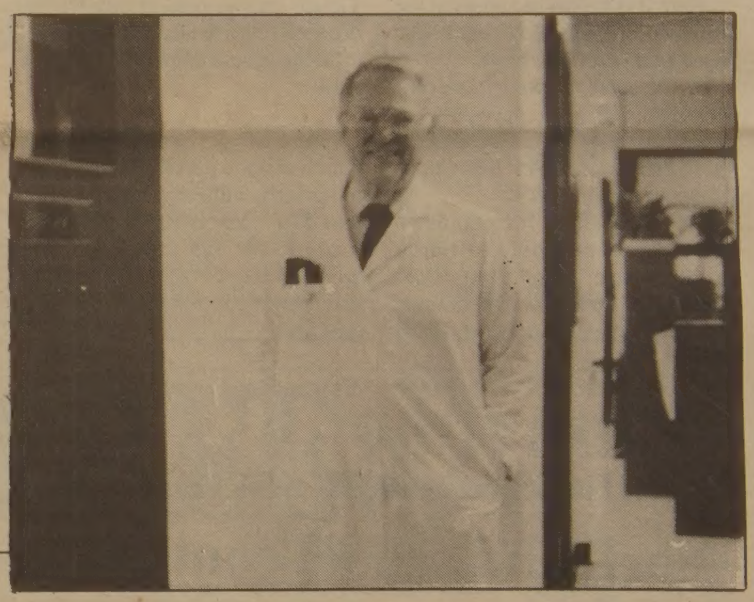
"I was really overwhelmed. I was so happy I was chosen to receive the award and be the first recipient of something so important," said Henderson, 66, of Welland. "To be awarded for doing something I enjoy so much is a big plus."

'I was really overwhelmed.'

The award recognizes individuals who make an exceptional contribution to the college, spearhead new initiatives, and help Niagara College by gathering community and political support.

"Ted's nomination was an absolutely unanimous decision," said Saso.

"Although it is known as the President's Award, it is not the President who recognizes such an individual; this is a collective recommendation."



Dr. Henderson, the first recipient of the President's Award.
Photo by Monika Queckenstedt

The award is not presented annually, only when an "appropriate, outstanding candidate" is chosen, Saso said.

Henderson began working at Niagara College in 1967.

He helped start the Dental Assistant program in 1969 and was appointed dental consultant for the college.

Henderson, a married father of four, lectures part time and supervises the students in the clinic.

"I'm very excited by the way things are progressing," said Henderson.

In 1976 Henderson helped start the Dental Hygiene program and he was there to "re-establish" the program in 1992 after it was suspended in 1988, said a press release.

Learning Resource Centre offers job opportunities

By MARY LEMIEUX
Staff Writer

The Learning Resource Centre wants to give students something other than information. They want to give jobs!

Trish Labonte, head librarian is thrilled. "I'm really excited! We haven't had this break in a long time."

Labonte was referring to the Ontario Work Study Program. The program allows the LRC to hire students with only one-fourth of payroll cheques getting deducted from their budget. The OSWP provides the other three-fourths of the student's wage.

The LRC wants to hire at least four students between the Welland and St. Catharines campus. They will work no longer than 12 hours a week and receive $6.75 an hour. Students will be expected to perform basic library duties such as shelving and filing. Computer entry jobs are also available. Only full-time students receiving Ontario Student Assistance Program qualify.

If you are interested, leave your resume or note with past job experience and a copy of your timetable at the circulation desk. Please indicate whether working in Welland or St. Catharines is more convenient for you.

Deadline for applications is Sept. 29. Interviews will be held after that date.

Don't be caught parked in the wrong areas of the college or the bylaw officer will hunt you down. There are 2,000 parking spaces available at the Welland campus for students to choose from. Getting to school early will help you to get the perfect parking spot.

Photo by Tina Young

Parking a problem for students

By AMY NEILANDS
Staff Writer

With 2,000 parking spots at the Welland campus, cars can still be found parked on the grass.

The Welland campus by-law officer found that while 40 cars were parked on the grass beside parking lot G there were over 120 vacant spaces in parking lot E.

"It is necessary for people to allow themselves time to find a parking space," said Sandy Fox, manager of Ancillary Operations. "Parking lots G and D are filled first."

Parking tickects given out by the Welland campus by-law officer are payable to the City of Welland. Tickets can be paid at city hall or dropped off in the tickect box located in the front entrance of Hennepin Hall.

Fines for general infractions which include parking on the grass or parking without a valid permit, cost $10. Tickets for parking in a firelane cost $25, fines for being double parked cost $20, and illegally parking in a handicapped spot cost $50.

Students had until Sept. 17 to purchase their parking permits and 500 warnings had already been given out.

Business students win shorthand school contest

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

The hands are quicker than the eye for three Business Office Administration students.

Sandy La Paix won first prize in the Rosemary Harris-Lowe shorthand contest. She was given a cash reward and a letter opener with her name engraved on it.

Second prize went to Paris Cosby who also received a cash reward.

Wendy Poohack was awarded third prize and also was given a cash reward.

The students who competed took two tests. The first part was a long piece of office-style dictation. The other was six letters dictated at speeds of 70, 80 and 90 words per minute.

Toni Coppola, shorthand teacher, said the results were all very close.

Poohack got her job because she knew shorthand. "Wendy works part-time in the president's office," she said.

La Paix was placed for her co-op at the Niagara South Board of Education.

Hands are quicker than the eye

For Cosby, co-op placement was at Trojan Security in Jordan.

Brown said students in Office Administration have the option to take shorthand or machine transcription.

"We would like to have a machine transcription competition," she said. "Machine transcription is very difficult as well, every bit as difficult as shorthand."

Coppola added in these days of technology and a lot of electronic equipment that some people might think shorthand is really dead in the workforce, but it is not. "We still have a lot of employers who will only hire people with shorthand," she said.

Rosemary Harris-Lowe was a shorthand teacher who taught at Niagara College from 1967 until her death. Her family and friends set up this scholarship for shorthand students. It is held annually in memory of Rosemary Harris-Lowe.

Where is it?

Lost and Found

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

If you have ever lost anything at Niagara College and don't have any idea where to look, well look no further.

Donna Flutur, Student Centre manager, works in an office at the back of the After Hours pub. It is the main office for lost and found items. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Maintenance, custodian or night security find the stuff and usually bring it to Lundy 3," she said. This is the property plant and once they have a few articles they bundle it up and ship it over to the Student Centre.

"When people have lost something this day or even a day or two later I'll ask them to check Lundy," said Flutur.

There have been a variety of things brought in, "a real variety," she said. "Maybe one running shoe or a pair of dirty socks."

The unfortunate thing is she gets a lot of eyeglasses and a lot of car keys that are never claimed. The lost and found items are kept for a couple of years. "Eyeglasses I usually keep for a couple of years and then I usually donate them to the Third World," said Flutur.

There are more people coming with things they can't find rather than things being turned in. "I'm thrilled to death when someone does come in with a wallet, a purse, a piece of jewelry because to me that is a very honest person."

One day last week she had three wallets and three purses lost and one was brought in. "Three wallets were never found." She said she feels sorry for the people, "but that is just the track record here."

If someone sees Flutur about claiming something, they must describe it. "If it is a wallet or purse, something personal with I.D., I will take the liberty, which I don't know if I should or not, and look through for I.D." If there is I.D. she will contact that person at home.

Whoever does come in here for lost and found, "I've told them, please don't put anything down out of your sight." Nine times out of 10 it won't be there when you go to get it, she said.

She tries to caution everybody to"take care of your stuff."

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Student Ambassadors

A few part-time, occasional positions are available for students to work with the Niagara College Marketing and Communications Department during the academic year. These positions are funded by the Federal government's Work Study Program.

We need people to:

- Answer the telephone, filing, mailing and other office duties.
- Conduct tours for potential students, assist with special events and represent Niagara College at community events such as high school career days, local exhibitions and fairs.
- Research and write media releases and copy for newsletters and brochures.
- Data Entry and mailing list management.
- Video production and the taping of College events.

Who may apply:

- Students registered in any full-time program at Niagara College. Preference will be given to students who are registered in a related program or who have applicable experience.
- Must be receiving OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) funding.
- Eligible to work to a maximum of 12 hours per week, although the time commitment might be less. Some duties will be scheduled during the regular work day of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other positions may include evening or weekend work.

How to apply:

Bring your resume and a short letter outlining what duties interest you and why you would be an asset to our department. Please indicate if you are bilingual, have your own transportation, what hours you are available for work and on what days.

Rate of pay is $6.35 per hour

Send or bring your resume to:

Niagara College Marketing and Communications

Room 102, Simcoe Bldg., Welland Campus

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1005, Welland, Ontario L3B 5S2

We thank all applicants for their interest but we will only be contacting those who will be interviewed.

While all responses will be appreciated and handled in strictest confidence, only those applications being considered for interviews will be acknowledged. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act, the personal information provided is collected under the Ministry of Colleges and Universities Act and will be used to determine eligibility for employment. Niagara College is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from aboriginal people, people with disabilities, members of racial minorities, and women.

NIAGARA SPEAKS

What were your first impressions of Niagara College?

JODY GENERAL

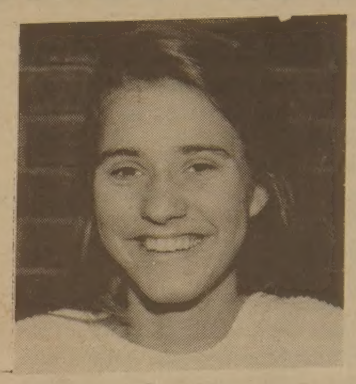
"College is like a cultural mosaic. I like the atmosphere."

Jody General, 19, first-year Broadcasting program student.

NICOLE BENNETT

"I was surprised not all the buildings were connected. I didn't think I would have to walk outside."

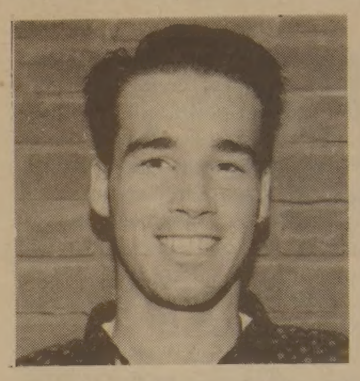
Nicole Bennett, 17, first-year General College program student.



LENA SPENCE

"College is so much bigger than high school. Not surprisingly, I got lost. I like the teachers and find them very helpful."

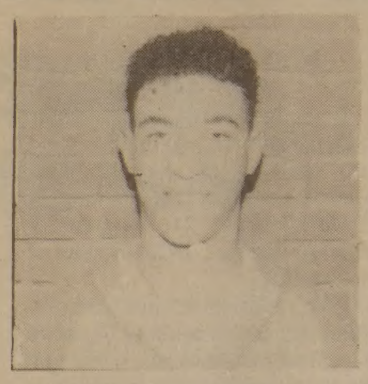
Lena Spence, 18, first-year General College program student.



DAVID ORTH

"There is more pressure at college than high school, but at least I can pick the courses I want."

David Orth, 20, first-year Health and Science Preparation program student.



ROB CHANDLER

"There are more people at college, especially girls. I see new faces everyday. Not enough sports though."

Rob Chandler, 20, first-year Social Service Worker program student.

From the files of Stephen Krick and Stuart McDonald

Tuition-free program for local entrepreneurs

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Innovation Centre in St. Catharines has developed a new tuition-free program to assist serious local entrepreneurs get started.

The Community Enterprise program, funded by Jobs Ontario, started the first session in February 1993.

The program runs for 42 weeks. The first 15 weeks of intense training will focus on identifying and developing a strategic business plan and fine-tuning skills for managing financial affairs. Following the completion of this unit, students will be teamed with an established accountant, a lawyer and a marketing specialist who will provide aftercare to assist them on site for the remaining 27 weeks of the program, also funded by Jobs Ontario.

An invitation for seminar leaders, speakers or anyone who could offer knowledge and experience and would like to become involved in creating a community network/skills bank has resulted in lucrative response, said Barb Okanik, Business Development Officer of the Ventures Centre in St. Catharines.

"The response in the community has been wonderful!" she said, adding, about 75 individuals involved in commerce or with knowledge to share had come forward to offer assistance.

'The response in the community has been wonderful!'

Enrolment is restricted to those who are not entitled to, or have exhausted unemployment insurance benefits and those who remain on social assistance or anyone who may have graduated from another program (for example, horticultural technician) and wish to expand and utilize their skills for self-employment. Applicants must already have a project in mind.

Innovative designs, such as brackets to support paint cans and brushes while painting from ladders, and soap clips to prevent soggy soap in the shower are just two of eight successful new businesses launched by students of the Community Enterprise program, said Okanik adding, other businesses such as restaurant, home renovations, electical contracting, and a hockey coaching package are also up and running.

The Community Enterprise program is ongoing and may include four or five sessions in a year. The third session this year starts in October.

Switching area codes

By AMY NEILANDS
Staff Writer

Effective Oct. 4, 1993, all communities, excluding Metro Toronto, served by the 416 area code will switch to the new area code of 905.

Bell is adding this new area code because 416 is running out of telephone numbers. With more cellular phones, pagers, and fax machines all requiring seven-digit numbers, the 416 area code got too large.

The Metro Toronto area code will remain 416 because it is an international trading centre.

"It will be easier for business to keep it the same," said a sales representative for Bell.

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Student balances texts and tunes

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

If you think a full course load is a lot of work try playing in a band as well. For second-year Journalism-Print program student Todd L'Ecuyer, 24, guitarist for *Buttermilk Five* , it's all a matter of scheduling.

"We're doing it quite successfully. There will be times when we have to slow down like at the end of the semester...but everyone is prepared to rearrange their schedules to book shows," said L'Ecuyer.

He admits that it hasn't been easy. Last year his maple syrup dream of forming a band was watered down because of conflicts in schedules.

"School was the whole reason why we didn't form a band last year because Dan was taking photography at Sheridan College," said L'Ecuyer. Bass player/vocalist Dan Parker, 24, now a second-year photography student at Sheridan, commutes from St. Catharines to school in Oakville, and manages to find time to practice three to five days a week at L'Ecuyer's home in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Drummer Rich Lebouduc, 21, owns and operates Mane Street, an entertainment centre in Virgil, Ont.

Newest member Mike Prentice, 20, recently moved from Hamilton, and with a bit of gentle persuasion joined the Five.

Buttermilk Five opened as a three-piece band at Uncle Sam's last July and returned to Sam's as a four piece opening for *Varga*.

"Since Mike joined the band he's helped to rearrange some of the tunes because a lot of the songs were written for a deadline. We booked a gig before we had the originals taken care of," said L'Ecuyer.

Being a journalism student has eased the pressure of deadlines for L'Ecuyer which has helped him write songs and relax before a show. Hanging-out together has added relief as well.

"There's not one person in the band who's felt that they've ever been able to communicate so well with the individuals," said L'Ecuyer.

Communication is the key to well written music. It also helps if members play in the same mode.

"Mike and I play the exact same style. We like stuff that's chunky, slow and has a lot of drive," said L'Ecuyer. Having an extra guitarist L'Ecuyer concentrates on his solos without having to worry about the bottom dropping out.

"Now I can give all the crappy solos to Mike," said L'Ecuyer jokingly adding he wouldn't give up his Motorhead *Ironfist* solo for the world.

Together for only two months *Buttermilk Five* has already completed a pre-production of about nine of their original songs. Production was recorded by *Magna Cum Loud*'s frontman John Press.

Working on three new songs, one of which made its debut last week at Hamilton's Corktown, L'Ecuyer hopes the future holds something promising for the band.

"We just want to play and play a lot," said L'Ecuyer.

You can catch these sizzling hotcakes Saturday at Jerry's Alley along with Sabbath gurus Acid Mud Flower; bring your grapes, bring your wine, bring your $3 (free stickers and cheap T-shirts available). For bookings call Todd at 688-7739.

You might be wondering why a four-piece band has the number five in their title. L'Ecuyer reveals it's a pancake meal on the Perkin's menu; a sign of a truly Canadian band.

Movie makes big splash

By AL GILDAY
Staff Writer

Die Hard 3 without the special effects would have been a more appropriate name for Columbia Pictures latest release, *Striking Distance*, starring Bruce Willis.

Willis's character, Tom Hardy, is an ex-homicide cop turned river patrolman, who is tracking a serial killer believed to have killed his father. His father, also a policeman, was killed while pursuing a suspect that was responsible for the strangulation deaths of several young women. Hardy was forced to leave the Pittsburgh Police Department after he testified against Jimmy, his partner (and cousin) in a police brutality case. Jimmy commits suicide and his family and the entire police department blame Hardy for his death. His former colleagues in the department loath him because he betrayed his partner, a fellow police officer.

Sarah Jessica Parker stars as Jo Christman, Hardy's new partner, a young policewoman that

Striking Distance

plays by the rules. Her character is totally different from Hardy, who never plays by the rules. After a shaky start, Jo manages to earn Hardy's respect and his love by becoming his love interest. Hardy is obsessed by the "Polish Hill" murders because he believes that the killer is a policeman, and because he knew all of the victims. After each murder, the killer calls the police to taunt them by playing a song (Little Red Riding Hood). Hardy's Uncle, Chief Nick Detillo, played by Dennis Farina, does everything in his power to stop Hardy, including letting someone else get arrested as the killer.

Director Rowdy Herrington, who also wrote the script, throws in enough plot twists and action to keep the story going, but he doesn't break any new ground with this film. The action is predictable, the chases are all right, but the film lacks the fiery crashes and explosions that are a major aspect of Willis's movies.

Willis delivers a strong performance as Hardy, but his character is very similar to all of the other strong, silent, rebel types that he has played in the past. Sarah Jessica Parker is showing us that she can handle a supporting role in an action movie in addition to the quirky comedic roles that she has had in the past.

Dennis Farina delivers a solid performance as Chief Detillo, another cop role which is similar to those that he has assumed in the past. What the film lacks in terms of action, it certainly makes up for with surprises.

Review

True romance exceptional

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

Sit down, shut up and listen. Quentin Tarantino is about to tell a story and you will not want to miss a second.

Tarantino is the hottest writer in Hollywood after last year's masterpiece *Reservior Dogs*, a wordy, violent film about a botched jewelry heist. His newest film *True Romance* is a ride full of interesting characters, great dialogue and ultra-violence (Stanley Kubrick may have coined the phrase "ultra-violence," but Tarantino has mastered it).

Tony Scott *(Top Gun)* directs this Tarantino script, which has been around for more than six years. Christian Slater, Patricia Arquette, Brad Pitt, Dennis Hopper, Christopher Walken, Gary Oldmans and Canada's Saul Rubinek make the cast a who's who of Hollywood.

Tarantino's scripts have gotten him labeled as sexist, racist and he has been condemned by some critics for celebrating acts of

'Sit down, shut up and listen'

violence. You will find all and more in *True Romance*, but it is used to tell a story, not to shock you. Bullets fly, blood is spilled and almost everybody dies in the end (much like *Reservoir Dogs*).

True Romance is a story well told and beautifully shot, it picks you up off the side of the road and gives you a ride right to the end, which just happens to be exactly where you want to get off.

Review

Draw the line with politically correct pencils

Language choked by 'isms'

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

Politically incorrect pencils, somebody must be joking.

I recently read an article that claims pencils that are made from the wood of the Jetulong tree are politically incorrect because the trees come from South American plantations.

The Rainforest Action Network (RAN), which supports the politically correct, have named jetulong pencils politically incorrect and cedar pencils (which are also grown on plantations) as the pencil of choice.

Politically correct sucks. It turns our language into a bunch of anagrams, such as African American Woman (AAW) or Physically Challenged Male (PCM) that spew

'whale-watching souls'

from the mouths of tree-huggers and granola-breathed wanna be hippies.

I would like to take the people of RAN and leave them in a Turkish prison for a week, no make that a month, and see how politically correct those whale-watching souls are when they come out.

No longer is it just necessary to watch your p's and q's, you must also keep a careful eye on your ethnic slangs, (like which can't be printed here because the politically correct, or the PC as they like to be called, are ever present) although it seems that your WASP male is exempt from the rule.

Jokes are no longer jokes, they are cries of racism, sexism or some other ism that they haven't invented yet but will soon just for the prosecution of some Superior court judge.

PCT's (politically correct terms for the anagramically challenged) are, to jump on the PC wagon, crapism!

Opinion

ENTERTAINMENT

'Buttermilk' big with local band scene

by TODD L'ECUYER
Staff Writer

Many things have started happening on the local music scene over the last few months. If you haven't been paying attention, you may be missing out on some of the future's major label artists.

Hypnotic Bidets are recording some new material for a compilation release. It will feature a number of bands from the London area. If you haven't had the chance to see this St. Catharines-based band, watch for what's happening at Jerry's Alley In downtown St. Catharines. They will be booking a show at the bar in the near future. The band's ear piercing hard core sound is always a draw.

Buttermilk Five will be playing at Jerry's Alley on Sept. 25. Opening the show will be London, Ont.'s *Acid Mud Flower*. You can expect a loud and heavy show, almost a Sabbath- meets- Rollins type of thing. Ear protection should be mandatory.

Revenge of the Egg People has performed around Toronto recently. The band has just released its first full length independent cassette, Penguin Jubilee and is working on a follow up.

Hamilton-based *Crimson Jimson* released the follow up to its last release Freak, the new one's called Blunt Trauma. The band is making its first video, keep your eyes on Much Music. Jimson will be playing at Uncle Sam's on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, Ont. the first weekend in October.

Varga has finished recording its first BMG recording, the band's major label debut should be available by mid to late October. The band has been doing openings for such acts as *Green Jelly* and BMG label mates *I Mother Earth*.

Keep your eyes open for the Hamilton based band, *Shallow*. The band is working towards booking some shows in the Niagara region. The band has that Helmut type sound and is a must see for those who love the aggression.

Toronto based, *Gangland* and *Zero Option* are doing some shows together in their home area. Gangland is interested in doing some Niagara area shows but no dates have been confirmed.

For more information watch for postings and local listings. Consider it a cheap night out, the bands always can use the support.

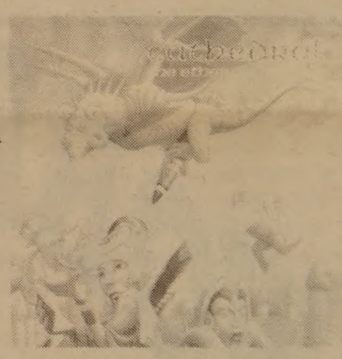
Weirdorama!

Dave Daniels sketches portraits in front of the Weirdorama witchcraft store on Queen Street in Niagara Falls. This was part of the Promenade for the Arts festival which took place Sept. 17 to 19.

Photo by Diana Berardi

Thumbs up for doom metal

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer



Guaranteed to blow your mind while whispering in your ear, Cathedral's *The Ethereal Mirror* will make you take a second glance at doom metal.

An expected change from their last Sony/Earache effort *Soul Sacrifice*, this release exposes yet another of the band's hidden talents.

Former Napalm Death vocalist Lee Dorian experiments with hard-core melodies a far cry from his usual bludgeoning groans.

Powerful 1970s rock'n'roll influences will suppress the Black Sabbath craving and take you cruising on the back of a low-rider. Tonnes of bottom end wrapped in classical, eerie vibrations project Cathedral's passion for music.

Touring with Flotsom and Jetsom, Anacrusis and Merciful Fate, with a tentative date scheduled for November in Toronto, this show is well worth the ticket price.

London's punk-rock metallers *The Mad* have returned from the studio with their second full-length released titled, *Songs For The Ugly*.

Plowing through numerous changes with hyper-active speed, *Songs For The Ugly* will make toe-tappers lose their grip. Hard-core punk beatings mish-mashed with bluesy guitar riffs and juicy lyrics will pull you into the depths of *The Mad''s* asylum.

'Songs For The Ugly' will make toe-tappers lose their grip

Involved with Ontario-based band compilation tape *This Is Not A Toy*, *The Mad 's* cerebal power will not be able to be contained much longer.

Having recently returned from their summer Canadian tour *The Mad* is mapping out their territory with their prominent style and energetic stage presence.

Fans treated to good time a la Mode

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Everything counts at a Depeche Mode concert.

The lighting, the sound, the stage and, of course, the music was near perfect as Depeche Mode performed before a crowd of 22,000 people at the SkyDome Skybowl on Sept. 15.

Having eighth row centre seats, I had a bird's eye view of frontman Dave Gahan as he seductively drove the crowd into a frenzy. His constant hip gyrations and crotch grabbing was equal to that of Madonna's or Michael Jackson's.

Sporting longer hair, a goatee and an assortment of tatoos, including a large web-like one on his back, Gahan had the entire stage to himself as Andrew Fletcher, Alan Wilder and Martin Gore shared a stage above him.

The 1993 Devotional Tour was in support of the band's latest album Songs of Faith and Devotion and included stops in Canada, United States and Europe.

The religious overtones from the album carried over from the studio to the stage. The numerous screens across the stage depicted everything from burning candles in the shape of crosses during A Question of Lust to a silhouette of Gahan with outstretched arms, as if to signify a crucifix during I Feel You.

The added element of drums to the once synth-only band was greatly welcomed. Wilder often made the descent to the lower stage to bang out a few beats, including Rush.

The crowd was treated to Personal Jesus, World in My Eyes, Behind the Wheel, and Never Let Me Down.

Although the band left out fan favorites such as Somebody, Just Can't Get Enough and People are People. They ventured to the obscure to play Fly On the Windscreen, Halo and Death's Door.

After two hours of a non-stop dance party, Depeche Mode ended the concert with Everything Counts and left the crowd screaming for more even after the house lights were on. The show was definitely worth the $38 price of admission.

Suspended program will be revamped

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

The Fashion Merchandising/ Visual Promotions program did not enrol a first year class this term.

The college has decided that certain programs within the system should be linked together to create a higher enrolment base, says Joan Davies, Fashion Merchandising/ Visual Promotions program co-ordinator.

The suspended program will allow the college to reconfigure the new program.

Common offerings at the first year level will offer more students more options and in turn, more career opportunities.

The Fashion Merchandising program is just one of the programs refiguring options.

A task force meeting has been established to design a program for this.

Although enrolment was up last year for the merchandising program, the college found not enough people are looking towards fashion for it to stand alone.

"In the long run, fashion will be a small program. Maybe it was time to do something else with it?" said Davies.

It was a difficult decision to make considering most students do well in the program and the job rate is very high upon completion of the two years, said Davies.

"I will be happy if the program is reconvened in another way. That's fine," said Davies.

First-year students will get a general course regarding the program and during the second year, the core subject matter will be explored. Davies said she'd like to see visual merchandising remain as a strong option with more of a business edge.

The college has an arrangement with Ryerson Polytechnical University in Toronto, allowing Fashion Merchandising/ Visual Promotions graduates to be given advanced standing and the approval to go on to degree studies.

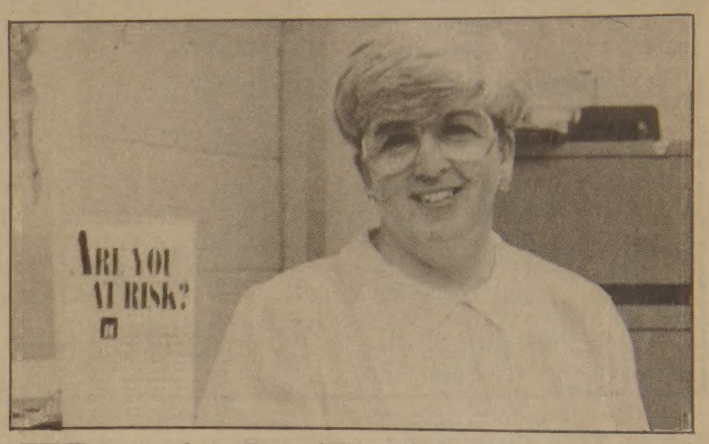
Davies considers the program to be "a forward view of taking an area, integrating it into a bigger college offering and giving students different pathways into an area. Most programs should have overlaps and flexibility to be successful."

Centennial wins 'Challenge'

By JOHN SARKO
Staff Writer

Niagara College relinquished its championship title in the first annual College Challenge. Niagara hosted the series of fun and stress relieving games on June 4. Five schools participated in the games with Centennial College in Scarborough leaving victorious and as next year's host. Steve Celestini of the Professional Development Recreation Sub-committee thought of the idea of having a day of fun for staff and faculty to socialize, network and show off the campus. All the participants were winners as they displayed skills of balloon tossing and seed spitting. A bobbing for apples event used various fruit including a cantaloup.

Teams from Fanshaw, Sheridan, Loyalist, Centennial and a few people from Niagara University participated. There was no cost to the school for the event. Fun-seekers paid a $20 entry fee to cover the cost of T-shirts, lunch and trophies. Niagara president John Saso has written Centennial College praising the day and anticipating more colleges participation in next year's event.



Where's the Health Centre?

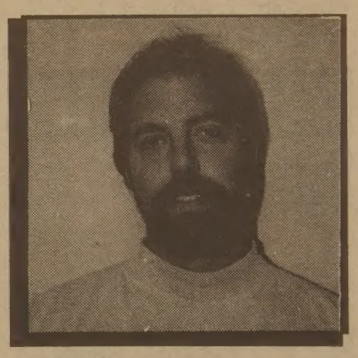
Around the corner from the Bookstore and across from the mini cafeteria you'll find the Health Centre (Lundy 20) of the Welland Campus. Nurse Carolyn Hurst (above) is available to help you Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Colin Zides will be available one morning a week. For all other campuses check the posted hours on Health Centre doors.

Photo by Monika Queckenstedt

SPREAD THE WORD . . . S.A.C.

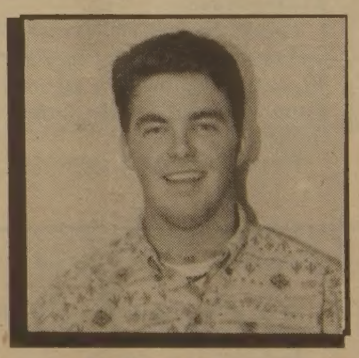
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the frosh to Niagara and to say Good Luck to all graduating students. We had a lot of enthusiastic students participate in orientation, let's keep that spirit alive at upcoming SAC events! I can't stress enough how important it is for you to come in to the SAC office and give us your suggestions. Our office is located in the back of "After Hours" and is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Hope to see you there.

Kristen Sorensen
SAC President



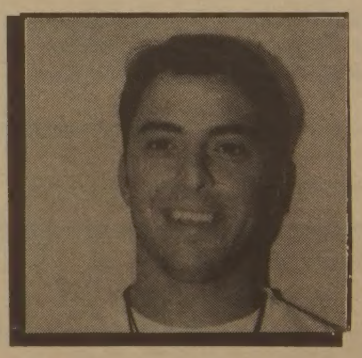
"Oh Ya!" It's a new year and a new council crew and this year is starting out to be the best in Niagara history. Frosh week was a great success with a large turnout and a lot of great times. To continue this I would like to invite all of you to visit "After Hours", your student centre and take a break from your hectic schedule. As well, stop in at the SAC office and say "Hey", and give us any suggestions you may have to help make this year your best. So, get involved, we are here for you!

Chris Margeson
Executive VP



So far I hope that everything is going smoothly for everyone. The excitement generated so far has been overwhelming. I hope to see a lot more of you out at SAC activities. Watch the boards, read the paper, listen to CRNC. By the way, if you know a great joke stop by the SAC office or leave one on my desk. See you soon!

Brad Billard
VP Social



Hi! Welcome to a new school yaer at Niagara. I would hope to see everyone come out and participate in all actvities and sporting events here at Niagara. I am open to any suggestions for any events or sport activities. Hope we can make this year the best yet in attendence and participation in all our school sports. Thanks!

Frank Keltos
VP Athletics

If you have any questions or problems, don't hesitate to come into the SAC office because "We got it goin' on." Don't listen to what other people say, we are all right.

P.S. Spread the word.

Jerey Lowe
VP Internal Affairs

Hi there! Having fun yet? If you're not, then you're in the wrong place. Come to After Hours, come visit SAC. We'll cheer you up! We've had great enthusiasm and involvment so far; keep it up! Stay tuned, we are out to make this year the best it's ever been!!

Leanne Newton
VP External

Aboriginal Access office open to everyone

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

History is being made at Niagara College; the Seventh Fire has begun.

An Aboriginal Education Access office or Seventh Fire has been established at the college in order to address the educational needs of native students as well as provide a resource centre for non-native students.

"I believe very, very strongly in the Seventh Fire and I believe in our ability to make a tremendous contribution," said Bonnie Winskel, co-ordinator of the Seventh Fire.

The Seventh Fire, located in Simcoe 105B, was developed after months of planning by Niagara's Aboriginal Education Management Circle. The program is one of the first of its kind in Ontario.

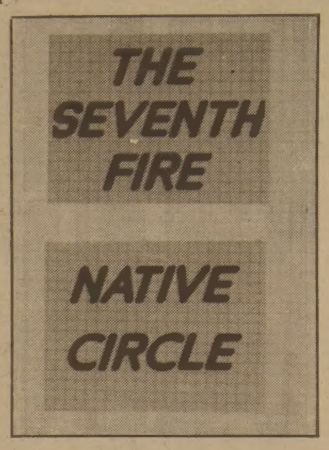
The Management Circle, formed in May 1992, directs aboriginal programing through the Access Office and has equal representation from the college's Board of Governors and five community aboriginal organizations. The Ontario Ministry of Education and Training (formerly the Ministry of Colleges and Universities) is using the Management Circle's bond as a role model for others interested in aboriginal programming.

"Niagara was chosen because of its remarkable relationship with the native community," said Winskel. Funding at the college was contingent on the strength of that union.

Seven colleges, including Niagara, and six universities received $1.8 million in funding, Richard Allen, former minister of colleges and universities, stated in a press release.

But as Winskel has witnessed in her office, the funding isn't reaching the native students. Unlike the Ontario Student Assistance Program, the amount of funding through Indian Affairs has not increased since 1982. Since there has been an increase in native attendance at postsecondary institutions and a cap on funding, money available for native students has decreased.

"I think when native self-government comes through there will be tremendous changes because we prioritize education," said Winskel.



Native self government, Winskel explains, echoing the words of her elders, is a part of the Seventh Fire; a movement by native people to recognize their own strengths and weaknesses and to bring them forward in unison.

"That movement would involve a tremendous influx into the colleges and universities (as well as) tradition. Today...we're right in the middle of it," said Winskel.

With more postsecondary students than they've had in over 400 years, the Seventh Fire is a small spark from the Seventh Fire.

"We're small, but we're fiesty," said Winskel.

The Aboriginal Education Management Circle must intersect at least four times during the year. Their meetings are conducted by consensus and are based on a provincial mandate to preserve native culture. At the meetings, the Circle has the authority to approve or veto service programs that affect aboriginal students.

"Native people make decisions for seven generations," said Winskel. "That's why the mandate is so extensive."

The mandate outlines that first, the council must identify priorities or recommendations for successful recruitment, admission and attention of the successful graduation of postsecondary students.

Second, to review, recommend and research appropriate programs and course content.

"It would be appropriate to offer a business administration program at Niagara College that would train students in band council or band administration," said Winskel.

Although they have several ideas, Winskel said some of the first priorities will be the development of; a native studies program at the college, a transition program for native students and a cultural awareness program for professionals and service providers.

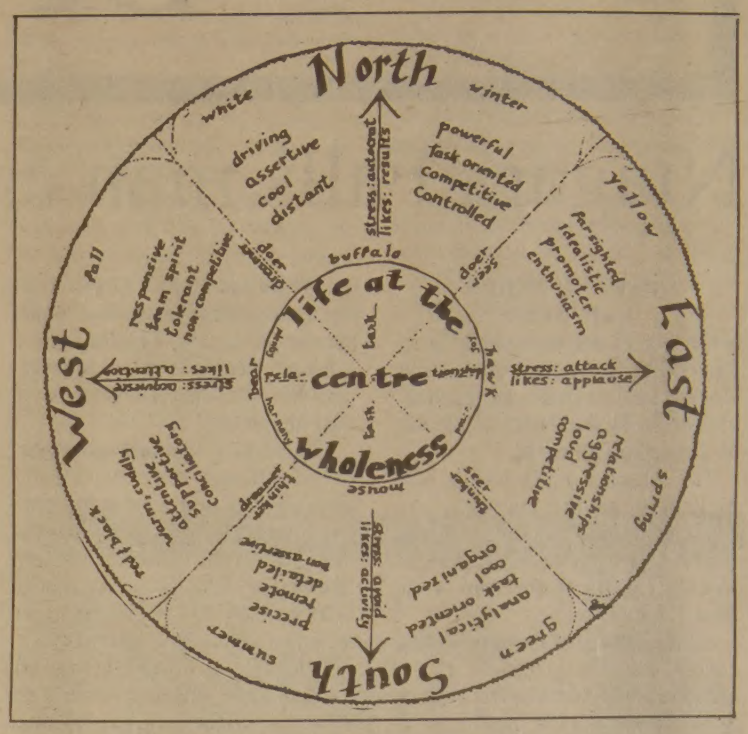
A sociologist and a Nishnabe woman belonging to the Three Fires Confederacy, Winskel is well prepared for her challenge as co-ordinator of the Seventh Fire. A part of Winskel's plans as co-ordinator is to bring Niagara college students to the Elders conference at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., this year.

"I know that we have already seen a lot of co-operation and a lot of interest. That can only serve to improve relationships once people leave the Niagara community. I've seen this in only three weeks and we haven't really got going yet," said Winskel.

Winskel's door is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. but the best time to reach her is first thing in the morning or by making an appointment. She can be reached at ext. 7414 in S105B.

The five Aboriginal organizations involved are: Niagara Regional Friendship Centre, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Ganawageeh Native Urban Homes, Niagara Chapter of Native Women and Oonuhseh Homes.

"We are either related by blood or by responsibility," said Winskel. Students now share the responsibility to promote the liveliness of the Aboriginal Education Access Office and to follow Winskel and the Circle's journey to a place where everyone is welcome.



Walking the Medicine Path in Daylight is a pictoral representation of the aboriginal way of life. The Four Directions and their Patterns is cyclical, a design which is prominent in all aboriginal thinking.

Kudos for extraordinary teachers

By ELIZABETH BROWN
Staff Writer

For the past three years Niagara College has awarded three employees for their outstanding qualities and extraordinary effort in making Niagara College a better place.

It's called an Award of Excellence.

Elvira Lucas, George Repar and David Gould received Awards of Excellence on Sept. 2.

Lucas, 53, is the Educational Resources and Special Needs program co-ordinator. She is in her 24th year at the Welland campus. Lucas said she was "delightfully surprised and speechless" to receive the award.

"The college has many fine faculty members and to be singled out as one of them is an honor," she said. Lucas is also involved with the college's Orientation Committee and the Retiree Sub-Committee

George Repar, 55, is the director of Joint Ventures. He joined Niagara College in 1968 and was "very much honored" that some folks out there" put his name forward.

"It was an unexpected honored and how hard it was to thank everyone in a short period of time," said Repar. He works at the St. Catharines campus.

"I just do my job and I never thought about this kind of recognition," said David Gould, 45, a senior engineering electronics technologist.

"It was rather humbling going up in front of 500 people clapping," he said.

Gould will be employed at the college for 23 years on Nov. 16.

An award was given to a faculty member, a support staff employee and an administration member.

The awards were presented at the Welcome Back Breakfast held in Welland campus's Black Walnut building.

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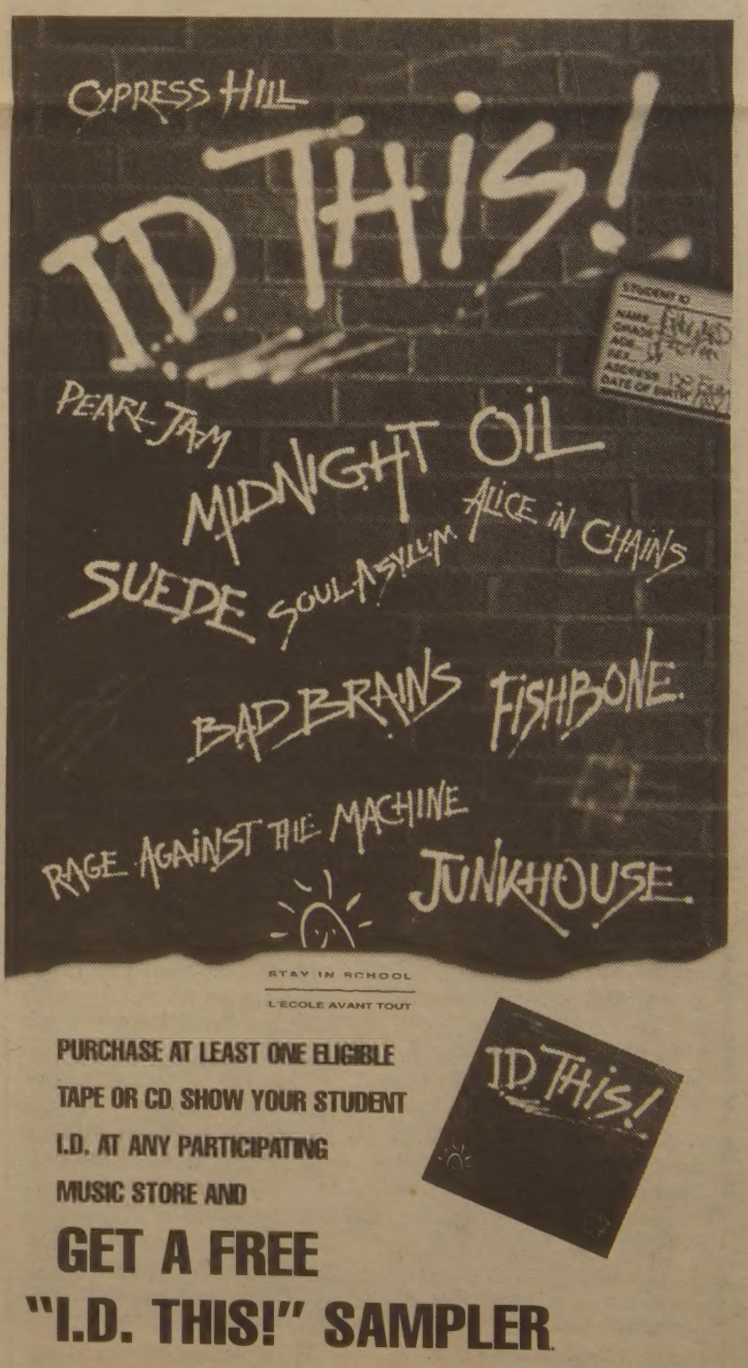
Last year the college projected 1996 as the goal for eliminating the accumulated deficit, but because of unforseen factors the timeframe has been changed to 1998-1999.

"A number of situations changed, such as cutbacks from the Ontario government and increased salaries," he said.

Operating revenue went up by $1.6 million and a new program called Jobs Ontario was allocated $1.6 million. Jobs Ontario is a new funding program which helps people get back to work by giving funding assistance to employees and employers for post-secondary training.

Student handbooks are available for all Niagara College students. Any wishing to pick up a handbook may do so at the counselling office at ME103.



SPORTS

Niagara Falls man cashes in on NHL dream

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

On Oct. 8, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks will play their first National Hockey League game, and 22-year-old Jarrod Skalde hopes to be part of that historical night.

The Niagara Falls native was picked up by the Ducks in the Expansion Draft on June 24 from the Utica Devils of the American Hockey League (farm team of the New Jersey Devils).

Skalde learned of the news (oddly enough) in New Jersey, at the Meadowlands Arena before a Bruce Springsteen concert.

"I knew what was going on with the draft and everything, but I didn't want to sit at home waiting for the call in case it never came," he said.

When Skalde went into the Devils' office to see about getting tickets for the concert, an administrator told him they just announced on the radio that he'd been picked up by Anaheim.

"I was shocked, but I was happy. It's a fresh start on a team that I'll get a chance to play on. I have nothing against New Jersey but under the circumstances, I really wasn't getting a chance to play. I have no hard feelings, they had to do what they had to do."

The 6-foot, 170-pound centreman has a legitimate shot of making the team and becoming a starting centre, whereas in New Jersey he was going up against proven NHLers like Bernie Nicholls and Alexander Semak which made it difficult to get a chance to play and be noticed.

"Rick, (Rick Curran, his agent) told me to be in shape when I go down to camp and everything should fall into place," he said.

Skalde has had a taste of the NHL and is familiar with training camps. He was drafted in 1989 by New Jersey in the second round and was promoted and demoted about 11 times from the AHL to the NHL in his three years with the Devils' franchise.

In 59 games with Utica, he scored 21 goals and 39 assists and was named AHL player of the week twice last season.

He also was part of the 1990 memorial Cup champion Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League, alongside former teammate Eric Lindros.

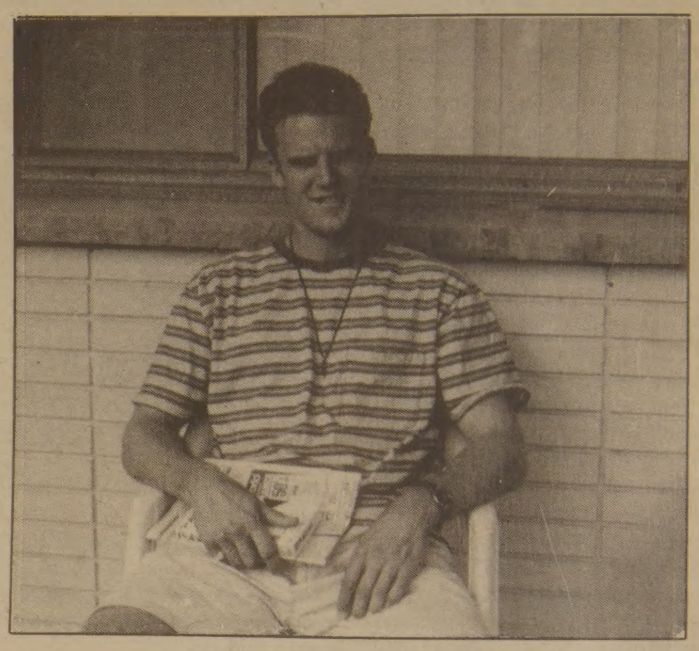
Skalde played three years in Oshawa before being traded to Belleville for now Toronto Maple Leaf Rob Pearson. He played his last year of junior hockey in Belleville before making the move to Utica.

In making the comparison of the AHL to the NHL, surprisingly, he says he found the style of the NHL easier than that in the minors.

"In the pros, everyone plays their position and the puck is always on your stick," he said.

Before the Ducks' first season game, Skalde will find out if he makes the pro team or be sent to San Diego (the minor league team affiliated with the Ducks).

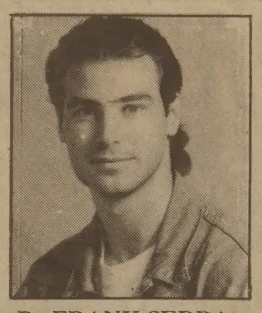
"Right now I'm really happy, I have the chance to play hockey in California, and to me that's like winning the Lotto 6/49."



Jarrod Skalde, 22, will be attending training camp for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks this fall after being drafted in June 1993.

Photo by Frank Serra

'93-'94 NHL picks



By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

New divisions will make for new rivalries.

The National Hockey League will have two new franchises this season with the additions of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and the Florida Panthers. The league has undergone realignment and the division and conference titles have been re-named. The new structure will attempt to simplify the division and conference names and attract new fans who know a little geography, but don't wish to learn NHL history to understand the league divisions.

Essentially, Winnipeg, Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh have moved to new divisions and the two new NHL entries have landed in the Atlantic (formerly Patrick) and Pacific (formerly Smythe) Divisions. The Norris and Adams have been changed to the Central and Northeast Divisions respectively.

How will this new arrangement affect the clubs, if at all?

Let's start with the Eastern Conference. Pittsburgh has joined the Northeast Division (formerly Adams) and will enjoy high-scoring shootouts in this division. Mario Lemieux facing Patrick Roy five times a season makes for exciting hockey. I like Pittsburgh to come out on top here followed by Montreal and then Quebec.

In the Atlantic Division, (formerly Patrick) the two Florida-based teams will start a rivalry while gift-wrapping additional points for other teams to enjoy. With Pittsburgh gone, I like the New York Islanders to finish first because of young talent, good chemistry and an experienced coach. Watch for Philadelphia and Eric Lindros to grab second spot followed closely by the Rangers.

Looking at the Western Conference, the Detroit Red Wings are my pick to finish above the rest in the Central Division (formerly Norris). One reason is Scotty Bowman. The best coach in hockey history will bring out the best of this highly talented underachieving team. The Leafs will surprise everyone with another great year under Pat Burns but will not be able to keep up with the Wings. Chicago should follow a close third.

The Vancouver Canucks should make it three years in a row if Pavel Bure stays healthy in the Pacific Division (formerly Smythe). Calgary will improve under coach Dave King and finish a respectable second. The aging Los Angeles Kings will finish third despite a great playoff run last spring.

The opinions expressed are strictly those of the writer.

Varsity Sports schedule announced

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

The 1993-94 varsity schedule is already well under way.

Coaches have held tryouts and most teams have begun to practise at the Welland campus.

Ice hockey is being coached by Fred Bassi, regular practices are to be held Mondays from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Men's volleyball will be holding practices on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Thursdays starting at either 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Contact coach Ray Sarkis for further details.

Judy Halaiko will be coaching the Niagara Knights women's volleyball team this season. Practices are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Men's basketball is being coached by Todd Stevens. Regular practices are on Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Badminton practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dave Carpenter will be coaching.

Indoor soccer is being coached by Steve Celestini. For practice times contact the coach.

Brian Nagy is this year's curling coach. Practice times are still to be announced.

Any student wishing to play varsity sports should note that all practices will be held at Welland campus. In order to qualify for the teams, students must attend the college full time and must have paid all of their fees.

Further information is available by calling Peter Rylander at the college at ext. 7681 or Judy Halaiko at ext. 7733. Varsity schedules are posted throughout the college.

Tickets on sale for Bills vs. Redskins

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Da Bills.

Tickets to a Buffalo Bills Monday night football game on Nov. 1 are on sale at the Student Administrative Council office in After Hours.

The tickets which cost $45 include food, beverages and bus transportation to and from the game.

Frank Keltos, vice-president athletics, said the game should sell out easily because the Bills are playing the Washington Redskins.

"Washington is a quality team so that should draw people from the college," he said. "I just put up my first sign and people came and talked to me about it 30 minutes later. We're going to sell out fast."

Thirty tickets are available on a first come first served basis. The bus leaves Welland campus at either 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. game day.

Cash or credit? Now you can get both

By KERI REED
Staff Writer

A new program has been established at Niagara College and other college's across Ontario. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) allows mature students to earn credits based on their knowledge gained by work experience.

The provincial government announced on Feb. 12, 1993 that it would implement a system of PLA in Ontario's colleges. On July 6, the membership of PLA advisory and co-ordinating group was announced by Richard Johnston, chair of the Ontario Council of Regents. The group includes representation from the college system and external groups interested in PLA. The group provides the Minister of Education and Training with policy and funding advice.

Brian Keppy, Niagara College's PLA facilitator, said mature students "will not have to retake information they already know. Instead of returning to school for two or three years, students may return for only one year."

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>
> BRIAN KEPPY

Returning students must be able to demonstrate or document that they have gained the objectives of a course. The students who are able to do this are granted formal college credits based on an assessment of this learning.

Currently, only certain courses are available for PLA. Next year, 50 per cent of the courses will be available.

Continuing Education is offering a course called Portfolio Development for Prior Learning. This course will be beneficial to students challenging more than two courses because the portfolio will identify to the PLA Group the achievements, experiences, knowledge and skills acquired through work experience.

To take advantage of PLA, students must be 19 years of age or a high school graduate. However, PLA is normally sought by adults returning to college rather than by secondary school graduates continuing their studies.

Keppy said this course will be valuable to all students as an elective credit. A portfolio will be a helpful addition to a resume in today's job market.

The course started Sept. 16 and will go until Nov. 18 at the St. Catharines campus. For further information call 735-2211 ext. 7510.

Do your homework Dad

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

After 15 years out of school, Joe Suchorab has stepped into the halls of Niagara College.

Suchorab, 34, 148 Joyce St., Welland graduated from Eastdale Secondary High School in 1978.

In November 1978 he landed a job as a laborer at Atlas Specialty Steels in Welland. During his 14 years of work there, he had been laid off and called back several times.

His wife thought it would be good for him to go back to school because of all the layoffs. "I think factory work will become nill," said his wife Donna.

Suchorab said he would like to work at customs. "Donna would rather me be a cop, she thinks I'd make a good cop," he said.

In January Suchorab took an Ontario Basic Skills program. "It was a refresher course in English, math and computers," he said. The course went until May at the St. Catharines campus and from May until August at the Welland campus.

He is now a full-time student in the Law and Security Administration Program. The teachers he had in the summer told him what college would be like. "Our teachers told us what to expect and it's pretty much what they said. I was a bit nervous but I'm not so bad now," he said.

Suchorab had others around tell him that he would make a good police officer. "I pay attention to detail and I read a lot," he said.

He said he hopes to gain a "new opportunity for a career change."

Being out of school for so long, Suchorab "did not feel out of sorts." He said he doesn't feel like the odd one. "There is a guy that worked with me that has the same schedule."

Brian, 8, his youngest son likes his dad going to school. "He gets to spend more time with us," said Brian.

Carl, 9, bounced on the couch next to his dad while their dog sat on his father's lap. When his father graduates, Carl said he hopes his father "will be working on the border."

"The good thing is we all do our homework at the same time," said Suchorab.

Canadian Steel Trade and Employment Congress (C.S.T.E.C.) is a project started by The United Steel Workers of America since 1985.

"It assists steelworkers who were losing their job because of the dwindling steel market," said John Fitzpatrick, co-chairman of C.S.T.E.C. It provides training for non portable skills. They are sponsoring more than 9,000 laid off steel workers in Canada.

C.S.T.E.C is paying for the duration of Suchorab's education until April 1995 when he graduates.

C.S.T.E.C. pays for the books up to a cost of $500 a year. At the present time Suchorab is getting paid bi-weekly by Unemployment Insurance. They only allow him eight weeks off so when his course finishes in April he has to take another course. "I need a minimum 25 hours per week," he said. Unemployment Insurance does not stop paying him once he graduates. "It's extended six more weeks after I graduate," he said.

The optimism in the Suchorab home was obvious. "I know he will do well," said Donna.

NDC staff recognized

Norman Jones, (left) superintendent of the Niagara Detention Centre (NDC), was presented with a certificate of appreciation by LASA professor, Sandy Cornett, June 18, 1993 to recognize the contributions made by the NDC staff to the corrections program.

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Complaints? Get involved

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

SAC wants you!

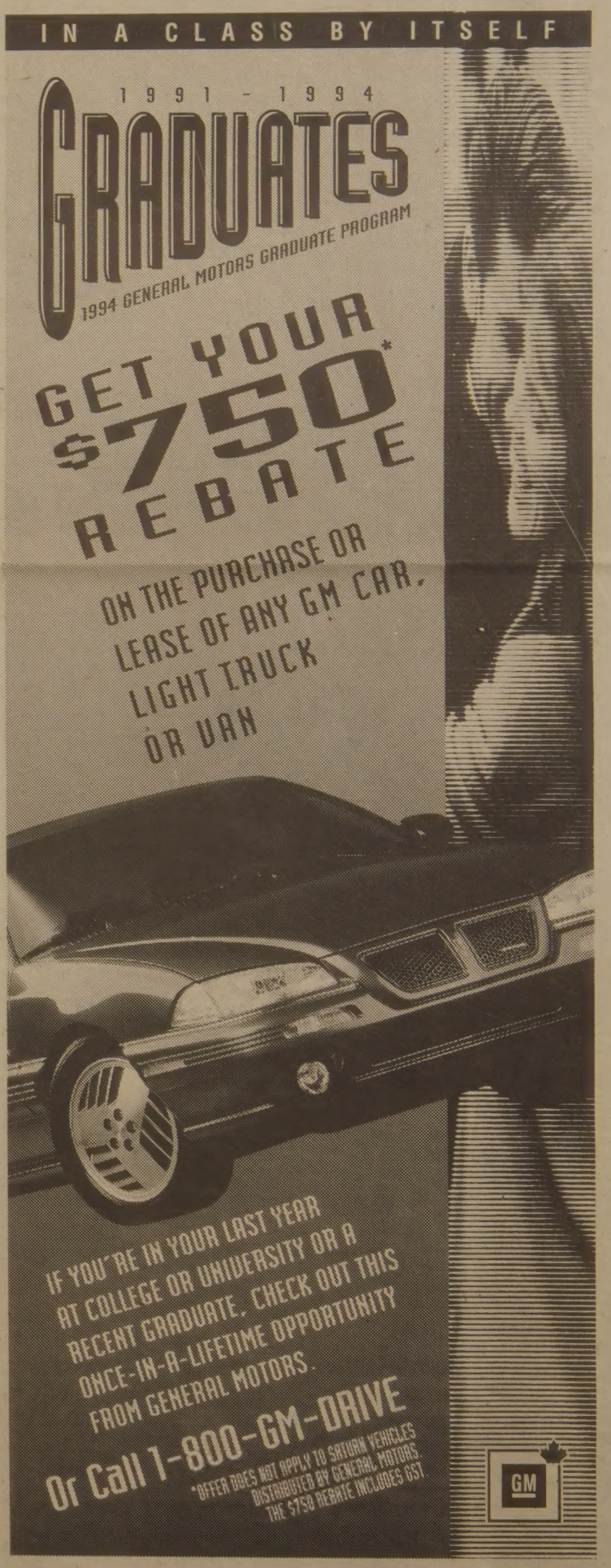
One student representative and one alternate is required from each Niagara College program to act as a "voice between students and SAC," said Cris Margeson, executive vice-president of SAC.

Reps will meet at the beginning of each month with SAC to discuss upcoming events and to relay fellow students' opinions and concerns.

Three SAC reps will be chosen from the student reps and will attend regular SAC meetings and be privileged to vote on the agenda.

Students interested in becoming a student rep should speak to their program instructors before the Sept 30 deadline. The first meetings will be Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Thursday, Oct. 7.

For further information contact Margeson in the SAC office or call ext. 7660.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Lace up for AIDS

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

The third annual Walkathon for AIDS will take place Oct. 3 in St. Catharines.

The eight-kilometre trek, organized by AIDS Niagara under the direction of Monica Stringer, begins in Montebello Park at 1 p.m. and is expected to attract an estimated 300 participants.

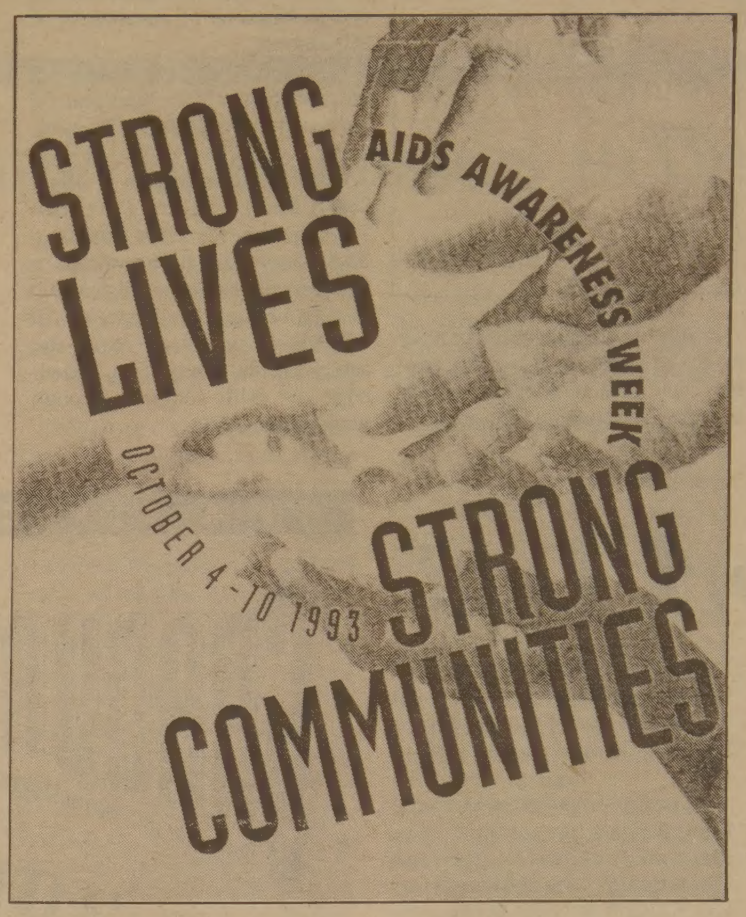
Joan Blanchard, head of financial development and community relations for AIDS Niagara, said she is hopeful the walkathon will generate $20,000 in pledges.

Last year's walkathon raised $13,000 for the organization. The money, which remains in the region, is used for services provided by AIDS Niagara.

Blanchard said fundraising for AIDS is a necessity as the disease is "the new kid on the block" and therefore lacks a solid base in funding.

However, the walkathon also performs another function. Blanchard said she personally feels the walk "shows community involvement and support and strength" in the fight against AIDS.

The walk heralds the beginning of AIDS Awareness Week 1993 which lasts from Oct. 4 to Oct. 10. The week, which began as a local happening in the early 1980s, is now a countrywide event that involves the Canadian AIDS Society, the Canadian Public Health Association, and the Canadian Hemophilia Society.



AIDS Niagara has participated in AIDS Awareness Week since the organization's inception in 1989. Its role during the week is to "get the whole community involved" in AIDS awareness through information and speakers, said Blanchard.

Other organizations are also encouraged by AIDS Niagara to become involved in the fight against AIDS. Blanchard said it is the "community's responsibility to look at the AIDS issue" as the disease is a part of life in the Niagara Region.

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's walkathon may pick up pledge forms at any Shoppers Drug Mart in Niagara or by calling 984-8684.

Kiss the Flame

'Keep your dreams alive'

By Heather D. Hodgson
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Special to Niagara News

Kiss the Flame is a movement that is spreading through Niagara College. It provides a catalyst for alcohol and drug awareness and explores issues such as peer pressure, decision making and values.

In Nova Scotia, the drug awareness theme is "Keep Your Dreams Alive." This is a fitting start for us, as we approach our dreams of success.

The start of the school year is a maze of decisions and consequences. Did I choose the right program? Are my options right? Can I afford my books? The rent is due, but my friends are going to the pub. I need groceries but there's a party tonight. My assignment is due but my kids are sick. My test is tomorrow but my boss wants me to work tonight.

College is not like secondary school. It isn't like the working world either. You may know what your dream is. Reaching it is another thing.

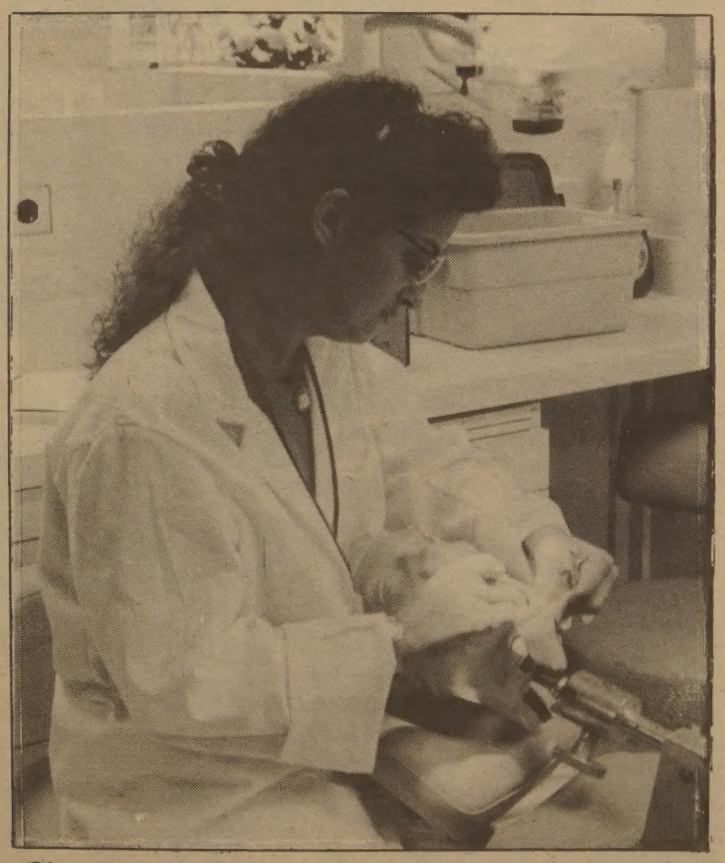
Niagara College has a College Success Program. This program gives you the tools to build your knowledge. It will lead you to success as a student. The skills gained will also strengthen your abilities when you leave here. The Counselling Office has information on "College Success." There is more information in your student handbook.

Each of us has to strive to keep our dreams alive.

To all returning and new members of our college community I wish a successful year.

Kiss the Flame will explore current issues. If you have a topic that you would like more information on, or if you'd like to be involved in planning Drug/Alcohol Awareness activities, contact me at M8.

Drug Awareness Week is in November. Keep watching for information on new contests!



Say ahh

Pre-clinical work has begun in Niagara College's dental clinic located on the third floor of the Simcoe building. Gemma Ottman, 25, of Mississauga practices holding dental instruments while doing the scaling stroke on a model of the human head.
Photo by Monika Queckenstedt

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Election officials upset natives

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

An attempt by Elections Canada to encourage native participation in the upcoming federal election is leaving a sour taste in the mouths of some aboriginal people.

Promotional kits sent to Indian reserves and aboriginal organizations containing information about the Oct. 25 election also contained yellow bingo dabbers which has upset some native Canadians.

"We have our own government and our own elections as a nation. The leaders of the federal government are not our leaders," said Terry (not his real name) in an interview at Niagara College.

Terry said to become affiliated with the federal government may be seen as a threat for many native people. "The trust is not there and to assimilate, we could risk losing our rights, culture and beliefs as a native people."

The aboriginal people, some 400 years ago, created a treaty belt known as a two-row wampum belt or Tekeni Teiohate. The belt represents, with two distinctive stripes, two roads running parallel, never to cross each other. One road represents the native people and the other road represents the rest of Canada's population. This concept is still highly honored by many of Canada's aboriginal people.

"Elections Canada not only demonstrates disregard for the Two Row Wampum Treaty, but disrespect for the native population in Canada," Terry said.

Pat Hill, 41, a first-year Human Relations program student at Niagara, said the attempt to reach the native people by offering bingo dabbers does not help the stereotypical image in any way.

"I think it's terrible - I think it's racist," she said, adding, it makes her angry that people who are expected to be educated can "still think of us in this way."

"An awful lot of them (natives) visit bingo halls or play bingo, so we thought it was a good way to reach them," stated a spokeswomen for Election Canada in a recent Canadian Press (CP) article from Ottawa.

In the same CP article, Jerome Morin, vice-chief of the Assembly of First Nations stated: "There has been a fair amount of progress in the past few years on educating Canadians about our culture, but this sends us back to Square One."

Morin added he is angered that Elections Canada may believe "the only way to get to our people is through bingo halls."

Suspicious fires under investigation

Investigators suspect arson in two separate fires in Niagara Falls, Ont. Late Saturday evening, Sept. 4, Niagara Falls firefighters responded to 8656 Mountain Rd. Two barns on the property were engulfed in flames, both were subsequently destroyed and damage is estimated at $60,000.

Just a few hours later, fire crews were called to another blaze a short distance away. At about 4 a.m. Sept. 5, a vacant house and barn located at 4961 Kalar Rd. was the scene of a second fire. Damage was estimated at $10,000 to the house and $50,000 to the barn.

Since July 1, 1993, there have been 20 suspected arson fires in Niagara Falls.

Crime Stoppers, police and fire investigators are hoping that someone will call with information to help solve some of these cases.

If you have information regarding any of these arsons, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. You will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations and cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086; St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.